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In re Application of :
Thomas A. Ancel : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/072,860 :
Filed: 9 February, 2002 :
Atty Docket No. TAA-11A :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),¹ filed on 19 October, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned on 4 June, 2005, for failure to properly respond to the Notice of Fee Deficiency Letter mailed on 3 May, 2005, which required payment of the fee for a one (1) month extension of time, which set a one (1) month shortened period for reply. On 21 June, 2005, petitioner filed a one (1) month extension of time. However, the one month period had already elapsed, and a two (2) month extension of time and fee was required. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 3 October, 2005.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2875 for further processing.

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

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